



# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION

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John Boccio/George Farra California Public Utilities Commission/Angeles National Forest c/o Aspen Environmental Group 30423 Canwood Street, Suite 215 Agoura Hills, CA 91301

## Re: Comments Related to Southern California Edison Tehachapi Renewables

Dear Messrs. Boccio and Farra:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the proposed Southern California Edison Tehachapi Renewables project to the City of Pasadena for review and comment. The project proposes to construct new wind-generated electrical facilities in the Tehachapi Wind Resource Area to comply with the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard. The project consists of 11 segments. Segment 11, which connects the Vincent Substation near Acton, Gould Substation near La Canada Flintridge, and Mesa Substation in the City of Monterey Park, runs through the eastern portion of the City of Pasadena. It is our understanding that a typical electrical transmittal tower located in the City consists of a 220-kV double-circuit lattice tower 90 – 140 feet in height. Currently, these towers are wired only on one side (having three transmission lines) with the remaining side vacant. The project proposes to add a new 220-kV circuit on the vacant side of the existing towers. It is our understanding that no new towers or new utility right of way is proposed.

Based upon our understanding of the project and our review of the project's NOP, we are submitting the following comments at this time:

#### Current Planning (Zoning Division): Natsue Sheppard

• The project sites located within the City of Pasadena are zoned OS (Open Space), PD-1 (Planned Development Subarea 1, Eaton Canyon Industrial Park), EPSP-d2-PS (East Pasadena Specific Plan Subarea d2 Public/Semi-Public), EPSP-d2-IG B-4 (East Pasadena Specific Plan Subarea d2 General Industrial B-4), PS (Public and Semi-Public), EPSP-d1-IG (East Pasadena Specific Plan Subarea d1 General Industrial), ECSP-CG-6 (East Colorado Specific Plan Commercial General Subarea 6, The Chihuahuita Area), or PD-3 (Planned Development Subarea 3, Kinneloa Annexation). There are a number of development standards related to each zoning

district. A discretionary approval may be required to allow the expansion of the utility use for portions of the project that are located within the City of Pasadena.

### Development Division: Fred Jones

- Currently, the City is processing two entitlement applications submitted by Pacific Storage Partners (PSP) regarding the proposed construction of self-storage facilities on land owned by Southern California Edison. In addition, PSP is proposing that SCE allow other types of uses which include open space, nurseries, and warehouse uses (PCC ancillary use). The general locations of the proposed projects begin along New York Drive at Bradley Street and end south of Del Mar Boulevard. It is the understanding of the City that PSP holds a development option for all SCE right-of-way property that runs through the City. The issues that need to be addressed relate to how the Tehachapi Renewable Project (TRTP) will affect these proposed developments. Specifically, the City would like the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and SCE to address the following questions:
  - 1. Will the developer, PPS be able to move forward with its proposed development on SCE right-of-property?
  - 2. Will the TRTP project interrupt community use of the Vina Vieja Park, which is a City park that is partially on SCE property? The City has a license agreement with SCE for use of the property.
  - 3. Pasadena City College's is proposing to construct a warehouse project, adjacent to the City's proposed ice rink facility between Orange Grove Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard; will the TRTP have an impact on these projects?
  - 4. Will the TRTP interfere with the City's operation of a new ice rink facility which is projected to be complete in the first quarter of 2009?
  - 5. Once the TRTP is completed what type of future developments will be allowed in the SCE right-of-way?

#### Department of Transportation: Conrad Viana

 No Traffic Study required. Construction Staging and Traffic Management Plan to be required by the Department of Public Works.

#### Pasadena Water and Power: David Bratzler

- The City of Pasadena Water and Power Department currently connects to the State of California Energy Grid at the T.M. Goodrich Receiving Station located in Pasadena, California. This station is part of Segment 11 of the TRTP Project, which includes the installation of a second 220 kV transmission line on the vacant side of the existing transmission towers routed from Gould Substation to Mesa Substation. No new Right-of-Way or change to existing transmission towers will be required.
- It is requested that SCE coordinate construction activities related to Segment 11 of the TRTP with the City of Pasadena Water and Power Department. This coordination shall include construction scheduling updates, detailed work plans within the City of Pasadena limits, and communication on any possible impacts to the City of Pasadena connection to the State of California Energy Grid.

The City of Pasadena appreciates the opportunity to comment on the referenced document. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 744-7231.

Respectfully submitted,

City of Pasadena

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